

To: GLC

1. As you probably heard on the news and as the attached morning Post item indicates, the Congress passed yesterday a bill to take possession of Nixon's Watergate materials. The bill, S. 4016, has been the subject of our attention over the past few days. However, the Record outlining the programming for yesterday did not indicate that the Senate was to consider S. 4016, and we had no further indications that the bill was going to come to a floor vote.

2. To review:

a. Title I of the bill deals with Presidential Watergate materials and probably will not affect the Agency. Of course, the hooker is still present that the Administrator, GSA, is to write regulations.

b. The Post reports that the final bill retained the House provision on the Public Documents Commission (Title II). As my earlier note to you indicated, we could have problems here because the Commission is given broad powers. Note particularly section 3320(c), page H11206 of the attached Record. According to the Post article, the White House tried to kill the Title II provision.

3. Guess we should have anticipated that the Congress would push this through in time to avoid a pocket veto. I briefed [REDACTED] yesterday on this matter.

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